

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE PARISH OF MANCETTER**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	Mr T Hopkins
<b>Parish Councillors</b>	Mrs J Marshall , Mr H Blackburn , Mr B Hamson , Mrs J Mawson , Mrs S Healy .
<b>NWBC</b>	Mrs L Freer. Mr M Davis
<b>County Councillor</b>	Mrs C Fox.
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Mrs K Evans and Mrs K Meads
<b>Visitors</b>	Mr M Hopkins, Mr J Arrowsmith, Mrs J Vero, Mrs M Hughes
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs D Teagles, PCSO A Wynder.

**Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**Declaration of Interest**

Both Cnl Mr T Hopkins and Cnl Mrs J Mawson declared an interest in Item 14 – Allotments

**Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 26 July 2011.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved, after recording an amendment to Page 5/9 concerning Cnl Mrs S Healy's meeting Judy Vero and the theme of Boudica.

**Matters arising from minutes.**

Cnl H Blackburn stated that the playground in Mancetter is in the same state of repair as five months ago. Cnl Mr B Hamson said that he had spoken to Alethea Wilson at NWBC who had stated that the matter was being looked into.

Carol Fox said that she would follow this up.

Cnl Mr B Hamson asked if there had been any feedback on the coatings on the footpaths. No one was aware of any.

**Boudica Project.**

Judy Vero and Maureen Hughes were welcomed to the meeting, to outline the Boudica Project and their application for funding.

Their proposals are:

To have a trail around the possible site of Boudica's final battle.

Everyone present at the meeting agreed to support the project.

**Reports from the Borough and County Councillors**

Mr Davis reported that the unwanted presence of Japanese Knot Weed will be treated in September/October.

Mr Davis advised Councillors to read the Draft Planning Strategy when it is available for consultation, as it will affect local planning.

Mrs Freer confirmed that the scrubland in Old Farm Road was earmarked for social housing. This had not been built on previously as it was the site of the Roman Fort.

Mrs Fox reported that a man had fallen over on the pavement in Ridge Lane. The officer inspecting the area stated that the pavement was not bad enough to warrant a

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repair. Mrs Fox will request that perhaps this repair could be done at the same time as the drainage at Dobbies.

The new lighting scheme in Harpers Lane was scheduled for September, but was running a little late but should be complete soon.

Mrs Fox urged all councillors to read any information that they can on the Police and Crime Commissioners. A Crime and Disorder Panel is to be confirmed. Elections will be in 2012.

Cnl Mr T Hopkins reported that a lorry had reversed into Lamp post No 3 in Wakeford Close, Ridge Lane.

Cnl Mr H Blackburn reported that a drain cover has been removed, leaving an open sewer in Brook Walk. Mrs Fox will report this.

Cnl Mr B Hamson reported that the footpath at the Blue Boar was in a bad state. He will report this directly to the council.

Cnl Mr H Blackburn suggested that either lighting or a camera could be erected in the recreation ground in Mancetter.

Mrs Freer reported that someone was knocked down on a speed bump in Witherley Road on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Cnl Mr T Hopkins reported that he had attended a meeting on Safer & Stronger Communities.

#### **Co Option of Parish Councillor**

Cnl Mr T Hopkins welcomed Melvin Hopkins who introduced himself.

Mr Melvin Hopkins signed the Book of Declaration and he was welcomed to Mancetter Parish Council.

#### **Formal introduction of new Clerk**

Mrs Karen Meads has been appointed as Parish Clerk and will replace Mrs Karen Evans.

#### **Collection of Attendance Forms**

There were no attendance forms.

#### **Cemetery – New Cremation Area**

**Stone** – Cnl Mr T Hopkins has spoken to Mike Gale, Zone Manager, at the quarry.

They are still happy to supply the stone. Cnl Mr T Hopkins visited Rothen's who have offered to use their teleporter to move and lift the stone into position.

Mrs Karen Evans reported that the Stone Mason from MG Evans will inspect the stone to ascertain whether it can be engraved, or whether a plaque will need to be added. The inscription will be:

*As this rock will last forever  
So will the memory endure*

**Copper Beech Tree** –Mrs Karen Meads has contacted Coles Nursery of Leicester.

They can supply a 12 foot bare root Green Copper Beech for £90 plus delivery, or a Purple Copper Beech for £100 plus delivery. Delivery quoted at approximately £50.

**Box hedging** –Mrs Karen Meads has priced up box hedging plants

**Bench** –Cnl Mr T Hopkins visited Mr & Mrs Crumpler to view the bench before it is installed in the cemetery. This is now in place and is the first bench to be installed under the new Code of Practice.

#### **Footpaths**

Karen Evans read out a report on footpaths from John Arrowsmith.

Cnl Mr T Hopkins stated that the footpath contract still has another year to run before tenders are required, but Cnl Mr T Hopkins wanted the Council to be aware that the £550 P3 funding may not be available in future from WCC.

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Cnl Mr H Blackburn proposed, and Cnl Mrs S Healy seconded, that Mancetter Parish Council will fund all necessary footpath work in the future.

**Allotments**

Cnl Mr T Hopkins reported that there are still five wells which haven't been capped or filled in at the allotments.

**Website/Newsletter**

Cnl Mr T Hopkins reported that Cnl Mrs D Teagles has asked if there was any information to place in Mancetter Matters, the newsletter published by the church. It was proposed by Cnl Mr T Hopkins, and seconded by Mr H Blackburn, that we should make a donation of £100 to the new magazine.

**Planning**

Cnl Mrs S Healy reported that she had attended the Planning & Development meeting. Cnl Mrs S Healy also reported that she has a copy of a Consultation Document. Cnl Mrs S Healy will write to NPPF with comments on the document by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Correspondence has been received from NWBC with details of Planning Training Sessions to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**WALC AGM**

This is to be held at Shire Hall, Warwick on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

With no further business Cnl Mr T Hopkins closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.

Signed By Chairman

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